



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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January 25, 2011

Robert Stadum
Hi-Desert Water District

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RE: Advisory Letter
In the Matter of Robert Stadum, FPPC No. 10/619

Dear Mr. Stadum:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act")¹ found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. As you may be aware, the Commission was investigating whether you were in violation of the Act's conflict of interest provisions by voting to adopt a resolution not to change the standby water fees charged to water users in the Hi-Desert Water District.

Our investigation revealed that there was a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect on your real property interests. However, we have concluded that the "public generally" exception of FPPC Regulation 18707.2, subdivision (a) and (c), applied at the time of the governmental decision because a significant segment of property owners of the Hi-Desert Water District were affected in an indistinguishable manner as you, within meaning of this regulation. (Regulation 18700, subdivision (a)(7).) As a result, we are closing this case with this Advisory Letter.

You should be aware that the Act prohibits public officials from making, participating in making or influencing governmental decisions in which the official has a material financial interest. Specifically, Section 87100 of the Act states: "No public official at any level of state or local government shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his official position to influence a governmental decision in which he knows or has reason to know he has a financial interest."

¹The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18109 through 18997 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to title 2, division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

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Sincerely,

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